Classical China Terms – Feel free to add images

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| Shi Huangdi | The ruler of the short-lived Qin dynasty. He was a harsh and brutally that used legalism. He was the first to build the Great Wall of China. He attacked formal culture. |
| Qin | From 258-210 BCE. Lead by Shi Huangdi, lead under legalism and created the great wall of China. It followed many customs from the Zhou dynasty, calculating a national census and standardized coinage, weights, and measure. |
| Han | From 202BCE- 220CE. Han dynasty created bureaucracy. It also developed the silk road. The Hans believed in polytheism and the philosophies, Confucianism and Daoism. They also invented paper. |
| Zhou | A dynasty from 1029-258BCE creating one united language, Mandarin and cultural unity for China. It was rich in agricultural lands. It declined since regional land-owning aristocrats disregarded the central government and created their own power base. |
| Great Wall | http://www.travel-centre.co.uk/site-media/images/sections/great_wall_1.JPGA wall over 3000 miles, created by Shi Huangdi to guard from outside invaders and protect his own expansionist drive. |
| Daoism | Created by Laozi, it is the philosophy of nature’s harmony. Also the sense of nature’s mystery. Nature contains a divine impulse directing all life, “the way of nature”. |
| Confucianism | confuciusA philosophy created by Confucius. It highlights customs and rituals, moderated virtuous behavior. Men are urged to demonstrate respectfulness, self-control, and benevolence and have proper family values. Society leaders should be characterized by love of wisdom. |
| Legalism | The philosophy that law is the belief and ruling because humans are nutaral evil and require restrains. It was by Shi Huangdi in the Qin dynasty and created structure for modern Chinese government. |
| Bureaucracy | A type of central government that has one single law code for the whole empire and a uniform tax system. In districts a ruler appoints governors to exercise military and legal powers. Officials are responsible for small regions. |